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# Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

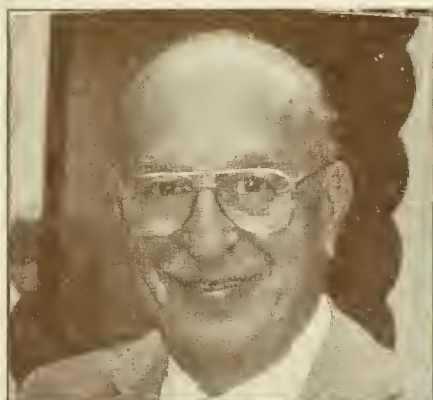


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## Park Avenue Synagogue to Honor Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, Lite B. Sabin and Margot S. Steinberg



**Dr. Leslie M. Hammel**



**Lite B. Sabin**



**Margot S. Steinberg**

Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, Lite B. Sabin, and Margot Steinberg will be honored by Park Avenue Synagogue during the Simhat Torah service on Tuesday, October 20th, beginning at 9:15 A.M., for their contributions to our synagogue and to the Jewish community.

Dr. Leslie Hammel will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah; Lite Sabin as Kallah Bereshit; Margot Steinberg as Kallah Mafteret.

Following the service, the congregation is invited to a buffet luncheon reception on the Lower Level in honor of the honorees and their families.

### **Dr. Leslie M. Hammel**

Dr. Leslie Hammel was born in Budapest, Hungary. He obtained his education in mining engineering in Hungary, receiving a doctorate degree in geology in 1937.

He served as director of the Hungarian Colliery, Ltd., a leading industrial complex in Central Europe for 25 years. He also was a professor, a member of the Academy of Science and contributed publications which were translated into four languages.

During World War II, he spent two years in a work camp and six months in a Gestapo jail. His wife of 47 years, Clara, was a survivor of Auschwitz-Bergen-Belsen, but lost her parents in the Holocaust there.

In 1956, he and Clara escaped from Hungary and came to New York City. He worked as an independent mining consultant for large South American iron ore, coal, and copper companies mainly in Brazil, Chile, and Peru. In 1960, he

became the director and later international vice president for 14 years of the Eisenberg Group of companies which developed mines in South Africa, Australia, and Chile, mainly for the Japanese Steel Industry.

He presently acts as consultant for British and European groups in the U.S. In fact, since 1964, he has been listed in Who's Who in the American mining industry.

Dr. Hammel's professional affiliations are with: the American Mining and Petroleum Engineers; the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc.; and the Society of American Institutes of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers of the U.S.

Dr. Hammel and his wife, Clara, have been members of the Park Avenue Synagogue for over 30 years. He founded the Ketmacks Library Fund which purchases books for our Edmond de Rothschild Library and has set up an endowment for The Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach. He also is a Golden Benefactor of the 92nd Street Y.

While the Hammels have no children, the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center was the recipient of Mrs. Hammel's collection of 400 Teddy Bears which are displayed on the Fifth Floor.

We will be honoring Dr. Hammel as Hatan Torah on Simhat Torah this year for his contributions to the cultural life of our synagogue.

### **Lite B. Sabin**

Lite Sabin, together with her husband, Arnold (Hatan Bereshit of 1982), has been an active

member of the Park Avenue Synagogue since 1961. During the past 30 years, Lite has been involved in our congregation in a variety of ways. She has served on various dinner and art show committees, in particular, The Jewish Theological Seminary fund-raising dinners. She was a past president of the Women's Evening Group in the early 1980s, when the annual auction was one of the W.E.G.'s main benefit events, and is currently active as treasurer of the W.E.G. She also is on The Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach, in charge of making up its weekly linen packages for women and families leaving shelters for permanent housing.

In addition to her involvement on behalf of our congregation, Lite has been very active within the Jewish community. She has served several terms as an executive board member of UJA-Federation's Metropolitan Women's Campaign, with which she has been involved since 1980. She also serves on UJA's Operation Exodus Committee.

Moreover, she was formerly on the Board of Directors of American Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, and is still active on committees for this organization.

In addition to her various responsibilities, Lite enjoys a good game of tennis whenever possible.

Lite and Arnold have one daughter, Jill, who attended religious school and was Bat Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue. She was recently married to Charles Farkas Garner.

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From The Rabbi's Desk

When Mourning Comes

We have just begun a new year again. The cycle of life goes on. The summer has turned into fall, Tisha B'Av gave way to Rosh Hashanah, now to Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. As we celebrate the *Yamin No'raim* — the Days of Awe — we are reminded not only of the cycle of the year, but of the cycle of our lives as well. Last year at this time we focussed on celebrating life, and I hope this year that we will all have ample opportunity to celebrate joyous occasions. But death is also a part of life, and Judaism has meaningful ways of marking death as well. The religious laws and practices relating to death and mourning are based on two principles: 1) Honor and respect due even to a lifeless human being (*kibbud ha-met*) and 2) Concern for the mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the living mourners, and the requirement of extending comfort to them (*nihum avelim*).

Traditionally, the body of the deceased is watched from the time of death until the time of burial. The *shomer* (the watcher), who can be a family member, a friend, or a person provided by the funeral home, recites Psalms while watching the body, and this is done throughout the night. The dead are clothed in simple white robes called *takhrikhim*. They are handmade, perfectly clean, and have no pockets. They symbolize purity, simplicity, and dignity. The lack of pockets symbolizes that no one can take wealth to the grave. All Jews are to be buried in the same simple way, which emphasizes that we are all equal before God. Before being clothed, the dead are carefully washed and cleansed, while blessings are recited. This is called *taharah* and is done either by a *hevra kadisha* (literally a "holy society") or as a service provided by a Jewish funeral home. Men who have died are traditionally buried with their tallit with the fringes (*tzitzit*) cut off, since their earthly obligations no longer apply to them.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, October 2 ..... 6:15 P.M.  
Saturday morning, October 3 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Bar Mitzvah of Michael Benowitz  
son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Benowitz

**YOM KIPPUR SERVICES**

Tuesday afternoon, October 6 ..... 1:30 P.M.  
Minhah Service  
Tuesday evening, October 6 ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Kol Nidre Service  
Wednesday morning, October 7 ..... 9:00 A.M.  
Wednesday afternoon, October 7 ..... 3:00 P.M.  
Yizkor Memorial Service

Friday evening, October 9 ..... 6:15 P.M.  
Saturday morning, October 10 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Levine  
daughter of Nancy and Alan Levine

**SUKKOT SERVICES**

Sunday evening, October 11 ..... 5:45 P.M.  
Erev Sukkot  
Monday morning, October 12 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
First Day of Sukkot  
Monday evening, October 12 ..... 5:45 P.M.  
Tuesday morning, October 13 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Second Day of Sukkot

Friday evening, October 16 ..... 6:15 P.M.  
**Congregational Shabbat Sukkah Dinner**  
(By Advance Reservation Only)  
Saturday morning, October 17 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Sunday morning, October 18 ..... 9:00 A.M.  
Hoshanah Rabbah

Sunday evening, October 18 ..... 5:45 P.M.  
Monday morning, October 19 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
**Shemini Atzeret**  
Yizkor Memorial Service

Monday evening, October 19 ..... 5:45 P.M.  
Erev Simhat Torah  
Tuesday morning, October 20 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
**Simhat Torah**  
Honoring Dr Leslie M. Hammel, Lite B. Sabin, and Margot S. Steinberg

Friday evening, October 23 ..... 6:15 P.M.  
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:30 P.M.  
Saturday morning, October 24 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Friday evening, October 30 ..... 6:15 P.M.  
Saturday morning, October 31 ..... 9:15 A.M.  
Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Melissa F. Crespy will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Ira S. Bigeleisen and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

**Babysitting available for children 2 to 5 years of age every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.**

Embalming is forbidden by Jewish law, as is cremation. The Biblical observation from Genesis 3:19 "For dust you are and to dust you shall return" is taken literally to mean that one should return to dust through a natural process. Autopsies are also prohibited by Jewish law, except in cases where it might reasonably contribute to saving the life of another patient, or where it is required by civil law. In any case, all body parts should be returned for interment if there has been an autopsy. Caskets should be made completely of wood so that the dead can "return to dust" and so that the body, shroud, and coffin may decompose at a similar rate. Metal caskets retard the process. Ostentatious caskets are not in good taste. An open casket at a Jewish funeral is dishonorable, and a "wake" is not a Jewish practice.

Generally, burial takes place as soon as possible following death. Delaying the burial past the following day is only permissible to honor the

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## Rabbi's Desk (continued from page 2)

dead, i.e., awaiting the arrival of close relatives from distant points. The reason for this is that the Torah (Deuteronomy 21:33) tells us "his body shall not remain all night," and it is considered shameful and discourteous to leave the deceased unburied. The soul has returned to God, but the body lingers in the land of the living. It is forbidden to bury the dead on Shabbat and the first day of Jewish holidays. It is permissible, though not advisable, to bury the dead on the second day of Jewish holidays, since only the actual interment is permitted, but not riding to the funeral, and other preparations.

**Keriah** — tearing a garment which one is wearing is the religiously proper way to express grief for the dead; someone has been torn from your life. This practice, originating in Biblical times, is generally done just before the funeral ceremony; the garment is then worn throughout the week of mourning, except on Shabbat. Tearing a small black ribbon is not a religiously authorized substitute for the actual tearing of a garment. Flowers should not be used at Jewish funerals; this is considered a non-Jewish custom. One's hands should be washed after a funeral, before entering the home where *Shiva* is being held. Usually, a basin, water, and a towel are left outside the home for this purpose. Finally, the meal of condolence for the grieving family should be prepared by friends and neighbors of the bereaved to leave their minds free to mourn for their loved one.

This is just a short survey of Jewish mourning practices. A very helpful and comprehensive guide to them is Maurice Lamm's *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning*. And, of course, both Rabbi Lincoln and I welcome any of your questions.

I hope the new year will bring only happiness and good health to all of us. But when death inevitably strikes, I hope this brief introduction will be helpful and meaningful.

— Rabbi Melissa Crespy

## Lulav and Etrog Sets For Sukkot

One of the mitzvot for Sukkot is owning and waving the four species: palm; myrtle; willow; and etrog. These come in sets which may be purchased from the Park Avenue Judaica Gift Shop at the synagogue.

To order your set, please call the gift shop (410-4440) Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 11 A.M. and 5 P.M., Wednesday between 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. The last date to place your order is October 5th.

## Sisterhood Tea October 13

Sisterhood is inviting new female members of the Park Avenue Synagogue to a Membership Tea to be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 12 (continued on page 5)

## The Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies

In addition to those courses listed in the September, 1992 issue of the Park Avenue Synagogue BULLETIN, the following course, **Psalms in the Liturgy** with Rabbi Joseph Brodie, will be given at the end of October. The psalms offer 3000 years of relevance. Reflecting all moods and states of mind, their secret lies in understanding the unchanging nature of the human condition irrespective of technological advance.

The course will concentrate on unraveling the meaning of selected psalms to their authors in their time as well as to us in our time.

It will be given on six Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. beginning October 27 through December 1. There will be no charge for members; \$25 for non-members.

Besides this course, don't forget the following two courses beginning in November:

- **Medical Ethics** with Rabbi David M. Feldman on November 5, 12, and 18 from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. and
- **The Jewish Book Discussion Group** with Pat Davidson beginning Monday, November 23 from 8:00 to 9:15 P.M. To be discussed will be *Benevolence & Betrayal* by Alexander Stille.

## Holiday Workshop With Rabbi Crespy Sunday, October 11

Come learn "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simhat Torah But Were Afraid To Ask" on Sunday, October 11th at 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in a workshop to be led by Rabbi Melissa Crespy.

The workshop is free and babysitting will be provided. However, reservations are necessary! Please call Rabbi Crespy's office to make your reservation and to tell her how many children you will be bringing.

## W.E.G. Sukkah Dinner & Study Monday, October 12

Join the Sukkah Dinner hosted by the Women's Evening Group on Monday evening, October 12th at 6:30 P.M. Then, stay on to participate in a discussion at 8 P.M., led by Rabbi Melissa Crespy, on the topic: "Sukkot: Where Are The Women in the Story?"

All interested congregants, both men and women, are invited to participate in the dinner and in the discussion to follow it.

Please call the synagogue office to make your reservation.

**The Judah Nadich High School  
will be dedicated at the  
Sukkot service on Monday,  
October 12 at 9:15 A.M.**

## Honors (continued from page 1)

Lite is being honored as Kallah Bereshit on Simkat Torah for her work on behalf of our congregation and the Jewish community. We look forward to her continuing involvement for many years to come.

### Margot S. Steinberg

Margot Steinberg was born in New York City, grew up in Hewlett-Bay Park, Long Island, and returned to New York City in 1963.

She attended Hofstra University where she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in biology. After graduating from college, she began her fulfilling 24 year teaching career. For the past 17 years, she has been teaching biology at the U.N. International School in Manhattan.

Margot joined the Park Avenue Synagogue as a single parent 18 years ago and feels that she found her "home away from home" with our congregation. For more than ten years, she has served on the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council of our synagogue, as well as on the School Board as a past president of the Parents Association, both of which she is still involved with. As such, she has been an avid supporter of the Parents Association's annual Book Fair and its goal of "bringing Jewish books into Jewish homes."

In conjunction with the directors of the Mazer School of Religious Studies, she helped introduce the concept of a rolling library to encourage our students to use the Rothschild Library's books (and she also reads Jewish books to classes each week). Also, as an active member of the Library Committee, she has worked to increase congregants' use of the library's resources and to upgrade the religious school's collection within the library.

As if the foregoing were not enough, she has worked on the Kol Nidre Appeal Committee; was an active chairperson on the 1988 and 1989 Art Exhibitions & Sales; and was instrumental in helping to start various other programs at our synagogue: the first single parent group; the Passover Seder and Shabbat Hospitality Committee; the Shabbat morning babysitting program; and the annual Teacher Recognition Dinner.

In addition to working full-time and all of her above involvements, she has found the time to be a "regular minyannaire" of the evening minyan for years.

Margot's interests include art, videophotography, and traveling.

Margot has one son, Ned (24), who attended the religious school and was Bar Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Thus, it is for her many years of involvement and contributions to our "congregational home" that we are honoring Margot as Kallah Maferet on Simhat Torah this year. We hope that we will benefit from her creativity for many years to come.



## All About Sukkot

The festival of Sukkot derives its name from the sukkah, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The sukkah is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce.

The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles, and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadasim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end.

The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service, during *Hallel*, right after the morning *amidah*, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession, except on the Sabbath.

The festival of Sukkot begins on the 15th day of Tishri and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Hol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays, for while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the Sabbath, we continue to eat meals in the sukkah and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter Sukkah, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof and decorated by the Parents Association, under the direction of Judy Katz.

A kiddush takes place in the Ritter Sukkah following every service during Sukkot and dinner is served there every night of Sukkot.

The eighth day of Sukkot is treated as a separate holiday in and of itself and is called Shemini Atzeret, the "Eighth Day of Assembly." We no longer eat in the sukkah and in Israel prayers for rain are recited during the service. The Yizkor Memorial Prayers are recited on Shemini Atzeret.

Then, Shemini Atzeret is followed by the joyous festival of Simhat Torah, the "Rejoicing of Torah." It is during the morning service on Simhat Torah that the last verse and the first verse of the Torah are read, a bold demonstration of our belief that the study of Torah is

never-ending. We march joyfully in *hakafot* (processions) in which we carry the Scrolls of the Law. At this service, three of our congregants are honored for their contributions to the synagogue and to the Jewish community.

### Sukkot Rituals

Using the Four Species (*Minim*): The basic commandment of the four species (*minim*) consists of holding them in your hand and then shaking them. The four species are used at two points in the morning service: during *Hallel* and during *Hoshanot*.

More specifically, the four species consist of a long palm branch that has a holder made of palm leaves. In the holder on your left side, you place two willows (*aravot*) and on the right side you place three myrtles (*hadasim*). The citron (*etrog*) is not attached with the other three species.

The procedure for reciting the *berakhah* is as follows:

- While standing, pick up the lulav with its attached willows and myrtle in your right hand. Hold the lulav so that its spine is toward you.
- Pick up the etrog in your left hand with its tip (*pitom*) pointing down. If you have an etrog that comes naturally without a tip, look for the top of the fruit (the narrower end, as in a pear) and turn the etrog upside down. Hold the etrog next to the lulav.
- Recite the blessing: Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us through His commandments commanding us concerning the waving of the palm branch. On the first day only, then recite the *she-he-heyanu*: Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for keeping us in life, for sustaining us, and for helping us reach this moment.
- Turn the etrog right side up and shake the lulav.

The blessing can be recited at home. Many say it in the morning service right before *Hallel*.

*Hallel*: Many precede the *Hallel* service with the recital of the *berakhah* for lulav. During Sukkot, *Hallel* is recited every day right after the morning *Amidah*. When certain of its verses are recited, we hold the lulav and etrog and shake it in all directions.

*Hoshanot*: each day of Sukkot, the *Hoshanot* are recited during the morning service. These hymns begin with the words *hosha na* (save us), hence the name. One is recited each day as a circuit is made around the synagogue.

The procedure is as follows: After the Musaf service (in some traditions, after *Hallel*), the ark is opened. A Torah scroll is taken out and held on the bimah. The ark is left open. The service leader takes a lulav and etrog and begins chanting the *Hoshana* service. The congregation repeats each line responsively. Those who have a lulav and etrog form a procession behind the leader and follow as he/she circles the synagogue. The leader and congregation continue to

recite the day's *hoshana*. The procession circles only once and then there is a closing hymn. People return to their places. The Torah is returned and the ark is closed.

On Shabbat, there is no procession; the ark is opened, but the Torah is not taken out.

## Men's Club Membership Dinner & Program

Wednesday, October 28

Join the Men's Club early this year to be eligible to attend its membership dinner and program on Wednesday evening, October 28th at 7 P. M.

Rudolph Guiliani will be the Men's Club's guest speaker. He will discuss "New York City's Future in the 1990's."

An Israeli buffet supper will be served. So reservations are a must! The cost will be \$10 for Men's Club members and new Park Avenue Synagogue members; \$20 for non-members.

## The History of the United States Army Chaplaincy Cites Rabbi Nadich

Plan to visit the Rothschild Library soon to review the recently completed and printed five volumes of *The History of the United States Army Chaplaincy* from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. Volume IV, page 183 cites Rabbi Judah Nadich as advisor to General Eisenhower on Jewish Affairs in the European Theatre of Operations. His duty included visits to concentration camps and displaced persons camps, and he reported directly to Eisenhower or his Chief of Staff, Walter B. Smith.

Rabbi Nadich is quoted as follows: "The Rabbis in uniform were the first to cope with the chaos that followed liberation." One sobbing survivor called the first American Jewish chaplain she saw "a *malach fun Gott*, an angel sent by God."

### It's Not Too Late To Sign-up For a Sukkah Dinner

Please call the synagogue office immediately to make your reservations for one or more dinners in the beautiful Ritter Sukkah. (Cost: \$25 per person. Children under 8 years of age, \$10 each.)





## October Programs In The Mazer School of Religious Studies

During October, the following events will take place in the elementary school:

- On Saturday, October 3 from 9 to 11 A.M., the Gimel grade will have its first parent/student "Together" program. The theme of *T'shuva* will be discussed.
- On Tuesday, October 6, Yom Kippur Kol Nidre services for Gimel through Zayin classes will take place from 6:15 to 8 P.M. All students should report to the Main Sanctuary from which they will proceed to their own services.
- On Wednesday, October 7, Yom Kippur services will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- On Saturday, October 10 through Tuesday, October 13, Sukkot and the Columbus Day weekend will be observed. There will be no regular classes.
- On Monday, October 12, there will be a Sukkot service from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon in the Appleman Chapel. All children are invited to attend the service.
- On Wednesday, October 14, there will be a parent/teacher curriculum meeting. Parents will meet their children's teachers and will be briefed about the various class programs and events for the year.
- On Thursday, October 15, the Vav and Zayin grades will have dinner in the Ritter Sukkah.
- On Monday, October 19, the Shemini Atzeret holiday. There will be no regular classes. The Erev Simhat Torah service will be held at 5:45 P.M. in the Main Sanctuary. All students are invited to participate.
- On Tuesday, October 20, the Simhat Torah service will be held in the Appleman Chapel from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon. All students are invited to participate.
- On Tuesday, October 27, the Zayin grade will have their first parent/student seminar and supper at 5:30 P.M. Dr. Herbert Neiberg, a child psychologist, will conduct the session.
- On Saturday, October 31, the Daled grade will have its first parent/student "Together" program from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

## Sisterhood Tea (continued from page 3)

Noon. The Tea will be held in the beautiful Ritter Sukkah on the roof of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Please call the synagogue office to let Sisterhood know you will be attending.

### Save the Date!

**Sisterhood Fundraiser**  
**Wednesday, December 16**  
**A festival of Russian Jewish**  
**talent and arts and crafts.**

## October Programs in the Judah Nadich High School

During October, the following will take place in the Judah Nadich High School:

- On Wednesday, October 7, Yom Kippur service from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon in the Edmond de Rothschild Library.
- On Sunday, October 11 — Columbus Day weekend. No classes in session.
- On Wednesday, October 14, the high school students will have their first speaker/seminar and dinner (to be prepared by the students).
- On Saturday, October 17 — The Het class Sukkot sleepover.

## The Evalyn Yudkoff Memorial Lecture Sunday, November 15

The first Evalyn Yudkoff Memorial Lecture will be held on Sunday, November 15th from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. There will be a brunch in conjunction with the lecture.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

Reservations are required and there will be a moderate charge for brunch.

Plan to attend this lecture and brunch to honor the memory of a devoted and beloved friend of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

## Seminary Brief

### Conservative Jewry Panel Submits Position Paper To Both Political Parties

For the first time ever, a commission representing the nation's 1.2 million Conservative Jews has submitted a platform statement to the two major U.S. political parties. The statement was submitted to the platform panels by the Public Policy Commission of the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism.

The council, chaired by the chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, includes lay and professional leadership from the Rabbinical Assembly, United Synagogue, Women's League, and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Among the topics addressed in the statement were abortion, the environment, education needs, national health care, religious freedom, poverty, and foreign affairs, especially with regard to the State of Israel.

"There is an unfinished agenda before us," the commission told both parties in the statement's preamble — "*le-takken olam be-malkhut shad-dai*" — to mend and improve the world under God's Kingship."

"We are increasingly concerned about the fabric of American society," the statement said. "The growing gaps between the 'haves' and 'have nots,' those who are able to partake in the

multiple riches of our society and those who cannot, present a serious threat to America's social and political well-being. If these growing gaps continue to widen, we fear that America will become beset with conflict and unrest which in turn provides fertile soil for 'scape-goating' and racism."

## Sisterhood Open Meeting Tuesday, November 17



Nancy Dubler, author of *Ethics On Call*, Published by Harmony Books, 1992. Photo Credit: Sigrid Estrada, 1991

Nancy Neveloff Dubler, a Harvard-educated medical lawyer and ethicist at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, will be the Sisterhood's guest speaker at its first open meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 1 P.M. She is the co-author, with David

Nimmons, of the recently published book, *Ethics on Call: A Medical Ethicist Shows How To Take Charge of Life-and-Death Choices*.

As the bioethics field developed, Ms. Dubler developed with it and now heads Montefiore's Department of Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care. In that capacity, she helps resolve difficult dilemmas facing health care providers and patients. In a crisis, doctors and nurses call her to help resolve the tangle of legal, ethical, and human issues and to make decisions that respect patients' rights.

Her book, *Ethics on Call*, uses case histories of deathbed dilemmas to explain how medical centers work. The book helps to put life and death choices where they belong, in the hands of patients and their families.

So mark your calendars now and plan to attend what promises to be a highly informative and thought-provoking program event, sponsored by the Sisterhood.

## Notes From The Edmond de Rothschild Library

The Edmond de Rothschild Library will be closed the following days in October:

- Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7
- Sunday through Tuesday, October 11 to 13
- Monday and Tuesday, October 19 and 20.

## Classes For Students With Special Needs

This year, for the first time, the Mazer School of Religious Studies will offer classes for children with special needs.

Please call the Educational Director, Varda Hubara, at the school office (369-2600, Ext. 105) for an appointment and to discuss enrollment.



## HOLD THE DATES: November 10-15, 1992

For the first time in 75 years,  
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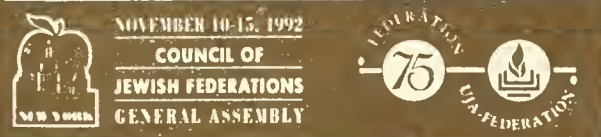
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Mr. & Mrs. Irving Goodstein, in honor of Rabbi Emeritus Judah Nadich on his 80th birthday.  
Mrs. Irving Goodstein, in memory of her father, Philip Franklin.  
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Mr. Irving Goodstein, in honor of his birthday.  
Mr. Richard Guggenheimer, in memory of his mother, Florence Guggenheimer.  
Toby Halpern, in honor of her birthday.  
Dr. & Mrs. Leslie M. Hammel, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich's 80th birthday.  
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Mrs. Leon I. Heller, in memory of her mother, Bella Windt.

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Mr. & Mrs. Fred H. Hill, in honor of their wedding anniversary.  
Mr. Louis Hoffman, in honor of his grandson, Henry Sztul's Bar Mitzvah on June 6, 1992.  
Renee B. Hoffman, Mary Sullivan, in memory of Sam Deutsch.  
Shirley & Herb Holzberg, in honor of the Adult Bat Mitzvah of Blossom Rinzler Peretz.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Jankoff.  
Mrs. Armand Joffe, in memory of her husband, Fred Gerson.  
Mr. Armand Joffe, in honor of his birthday.  
Barbara Jozurak, in memory of Hannah Berger, mother of Mrs. Josephine Canick.  
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Marion & Joseph Howard Katz, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich on his 80th birthday.  
Mrs. Helen Kaufman, in memory of her son, Robert Kaufman.  
Ms. Rosamond V.P. Kaufman, in honor of her birthday.  
Mrs. Gladys Kessler, in honor of her birthday.  
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Dr. Nathan Levin, in memory of his mother, Minnie Levin.  
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Mrs. Jeffrey Loria, in memory of her father, Samuel Warshauer.  
Hanna Lyttle, in honor of the milestone birthday of Rabbi Judah Nadich.

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Mrs. Abraham Marcus, in memory of her husband, Abraham L. Marcus.  
Mrs. Abraham Marcus, in memory of her father, Jacob Siegel.  
Robert Markewich, in honor of his grandson, David Lazarus on his Bar Mitzvah, and in memory of David's great-grandparents, Milton and Anna Grass.  
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Matthews, in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.  
Mrs. Roxandra Meron, in memory of her father, Bubi Abraham Abramovici.  
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 Dr. & Mrs. Seligman Rosenberg, in honor of their son, Dr. Michael Eric Rosenberg's marriage to Miss Suzanne Beth Fischbein.  
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 Mr. Edwin Rusgo, in honor of his birthday.  
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 Andre & Barbara Sassoon, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Melissa F. Crespy to Larry Kaufman.  
 Gerta Scharf, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich's 80th birthday.  
 Gerta Scharf, in memory of her mother, Jennie Hirsch, and her brother, Walter Hirsch.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Scheffler, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich's birthday.  
 Sheila Scheingold, Michael Reininger, in memory of Sam Deutsch, husband of Sylvia Deutsch.  
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 Mr. Milton Schneider, in memory of his wife, Ronni Iris Schneider.  
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Mr. Irving Schulman, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mr. Harvey Schulweis, in memory of his mother, Fannie Schulweis.  
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